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CLUB OF TUSCOLA

NEWSLETTER
JANUARY 2024

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2024 Events/Activities

Monday, January 8	Board Meeting – Ta’carbon
Thursday, February 29	Fish Thaw – Forty Martyrs
Friday, March 1	Fish Fry Dinner – Forty Martyrs
Saturday, March 16 rain (3/23)	Easter Egg Hunt – North Ward/TUMC
Saturday, April 20	Spring Pancake Breakfast – Forty Martyrs
Saturday, May 18	Stamp Out Hunger with U.S.P.S. & Tuscola Rotary

Upcoming Meetings & Program Assignments

January 3	No Meeting – Flesor’s Closed
January 10	Wayne Ward
January 17	Carol Burwash
January 24	Dave Butler
January 31	Janet Butler
February 7	Sharon Corum
February 14	Elaine Bryant
February 21	Mike Damler
February 28	Pat Damler
March 6	Darla Gardner
March 13	Linda Glenn
March 20	Debbie Graber
March 27	Kim Higgins
April 3	Sherrie Hoel
April 10	Tim Hoel

April 17	Candy Hudson
April 24	April Kauffman
May 1	Lyn Kohlbecker
May 8	Jean Leonard
May 15	Jerry Leonard
May 22	Judy Landeck
May 29	Carol Martin
June 5	Jeff Martin
June 12	Dave Moody
June 19	Suzanne Moody
June 26	Val Morgan

If your program date does **not** work for you, please arrange a swap and notify Janet Butler as soon as possible so the calendar can be updated.

Don't forget to give Janet Butler your Volunteer Hours at the end of the month!



Meeting Minutes – December 6, 2023

- Attendance

39 – Members

5 – Guest: Paris Interclub-John Carrington, Betsy Higginbotham, Ken Hamilton, Dennis Thiel, and our speaker Mayor Dan Kleiss

- Birthdays –12/7 Kim Higgins, 12/7 Jerry Reynolds, 12/7 Marci Shoemaker

- Braggs – Elaine Bryant, Carol Burwash, David Butler, Debbie Graber, Tim Hoel, Dennis Opperman, and Maribeth Opperman

- Free Lunch Winner – Glen Simpson

- News, Announcements, Activities and/or Volunteer Opportunities

Christmastown Results – With bake sale items, donations, and 50/50 winner Carol Burwash donating back her \$100, the grand total was \$1,164.50.

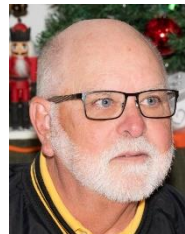
Club Christmas Party – The Club’s Christmas Party will be held at the Wednesday, December 20, meeting. Jeannie Craddock is chairing the party. Members will be asked, as we traditionally do each year, to donate \$10 in lieu of a gift exchange. The donation is voluntary, and anything we collect will be donated to the Tuscola Salvation Army with the designation that the funds are not to be used for administrative purposes.

Interclub December 21 – Carol Burwash, David & Janet Butler, and Kim Higgins will be attending Champaign’s meeting.

Flesor’s Staff Christmas Thank You – For those Kiwanians who would like to thank and donate to the Flesor’s staff that cooks and serves us, an envelope will be send around next week. We will present a card with our donations at our club Christmas Party 12/20.

Upcoming Events/Activities:
Bell ringing for Salvation Army – 12/9

Program:



Dale Boyer presented our speaker, Tuscola Mayor Dan Kleiss. He has been mayor since 1988 and provided the following updates:

-Cronus has filed a draft construction plan and permit (3-15-24 to 12-15-24) with the EPA.

-Lyondell is continuing to level its property and will remove the smokestack in January.

-The area east of the community building is almost complete. The are plans to add lighting and a stage.

-The construction of the new firehouse is moving along with an expected completion of Spring 2024. The city plans to have an open house when completed.

-The new Carle Clinic building is on hold for now. Carle may call for rebidding in Spring 2024.

-There has been no movement regarding the sale of the Tuscola Outlet Mall.

Meeting Minutes – December 13, 2023

- Attendance

35 – Members

1 – Guests: Tim Kohlbecker, our speaker

- Birthdays – 12/13 Anna Postlewait
- Brags – David Butler, Tim Hoel, and Judy Landeck
- Free Lunch Winner – Val Morgan
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Mark Your Calendars – The following 2024 dates are confirmed: February 29/March 1 Fish Thaw & Fry, April 20 Pancake Breakfast...both at Forty Martyrs.

Key Club Volunteer of the Month – Tessa Brucker with 11.5 service hours was named October Key Club Volunteer of the Month.

Program:



Ginger Boyer presented our speaker, Tim Kohlbecker. He is the Girls Basketball Coach. Though it was not originally in his plans, he has been coaching for 24 years. Tim has a bachelor's degree in psychology and a master's in Social Work. He spent two years in the Peace Corps before going to work for the VA (Veterans Administration).

Tim advised that there were many roles for a coach, not just coaching. He is a psychologist, counselor, nutritionist, motivator, decision maker, and more for his student players. Having good assistant coaches to help him and the players is critical.

Scheduling is always difficult due to other student commitments. Besides games, time in the weight room and practices must be scheduled as well.

Meeting Minutes – December 20, 2023

- Attendance

44 – Members

1 – Guests: LTG Doug Warren

- Birthdays – 12/22 Cathy Chaplin, 12/23 Lori Nichols, 12/24 Maureen Bergeson, 12/24 Carol Burwash, and 12/26 Debbie Graber
- Brags – Ginger Boyer, David Butler, Janet Butler, Jeannie Craddock, Kathleen Dyer, Tim Hoel and Val Morgan
- Free Lunch Winner – Doris Young
- News, Announcements, Activities and/or Volunteer Opportunities

Flesor's Staff Christmas Donation – Devon was presented with our club members' thank you donations for her staff.

Endorsement of LTG Candidates – Jerry Leonard made a motion to endorse Pete Buckley for Lt. Governor 2024/2025 and Carol Burwash for Lt. Governor Elect 2024/2025. David Butler seconded the motion and it was approved.

One Stop Community Christmas Results – 952 families with 2,515 children were served. Of those, 107 families were from Douglas County.

Ring the Bell for Tuscola Salvation Army Results – Rotary \$953.50 Kiwanis \$1,606.23. Great job, Kiwanis! Adding in the Christmas Party donations of \$435, we donated a total of \$2,041.23!!!

Program:

Club Christmas Party hosted by Jeannie Craddock. Games, prizes, songs, and fun for all!!!



Great Job!



Meeting Minutes – December 27, 2023

- Attendance

20 – Members

3 – Guest: Gene Alcorn, Sabrina Alcorn, and Dillan Alcorn, our speaker

- Birthdays – 12/27 Julie Slaughter, Heather Madden 1/7

- Braggs – David Butler, Tim Hoel

- Free Lunch Winner – Tim Hoel

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NO MEETING JANUARY 3, 2024

**REMINDER: BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 8, 2024 - NOON AT
TA'CARBON**

Program:



Linda Damler introduced our speaker Dillan Alcorn. Dillan is a junior at Samford University, a private college in Homewood, Alabama. He graduated from TCHS in 2021 and is a former K-Kids and Key Club

member.

Upon finding that Samford did not have a CKI Club (Circle K, college level Kiwanis club), he set out to form and charter a Samford CKI Club. It took two years, with ever evolving members, officers, and board members, Dillan's goal was accomplished. The club's charter ceremony was held November, 13, 2023. The club is sponsored by the Homewood-Mountain Brook Kiwanis Club of Alabama.

Dillan is club president and has been the driving force in finding the 15 minimum membership that KI requires to charter. The club also had to meet the requirements of Samford University to be an authorized university club. Dillan has already attended multiple Alabama district conventions and is looking for a new club president to replace him when he graduates in 2025.

Christmastown – December 1-2, 2023



More photos on club website

Christmastown Parade – December 2, 2023



More photos on club website

Ring the Bell for Salvation Army – December 9, 2023



More photos on club website

**TUSCOLA KIWANIS CLUB &
KIWANIS CLUB OF TUSCOLA ILLINOIS FOUNDATION
2023 DECEMBER BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order at Ta’Carbon Restaurant on Monday, December 11, 2023 at 12:01pm by President-Elect Jeannie Craddock with the following officers, club directors and guests present as noted by an “X”:

David Butler – Webmaster	X	Carol Martin (2026)	AB	Guests:	
Janet Butler – Secretary	X	Jeff Martin (2025)	X	Carol Burwash	X
Jeannie Craddock – Pres Elect	X	Ian Rominger – VP	X		
Pat Damler (2024)	X	Glen Simpson (2024)	X		
Kim Higgins – President	AB	Julie Slaughter (2026)	X		
Tim Hoel – Past President	X	Cindy Wood (2025)	X		
Candy Hudson – Treas	X				

The following items of business were conducted:

1. Consent Agreement Approvals –

- Minutes of November 13 Board Meeting and November 29 Special Board Meeting
- Secretary’s Monthly Reports – 848 service hours were reported. Top volunteers of the month were Jeannie Craddock, Elaine Bryant, and Tim Hoel
- Treasurer’s Monthly Reports - The Board packet included copies of the club and foundation monthly treasurer’s reports ending December 11, 2023. The current balance for the club was \$4,066.40 and the foundation balance was \$19,190.14.

Ian Rominger made a motion to approve the above as presented. Cindy Wood seconded the motion, and it was approved. Copies of the documents are included at the club’s website under “Board Reports” in the “Members Area.”

2. Disbursements/Reimbursements –

Approved disbursements:

<i>Club Administrative Account</i>	<i>Club Foundation Account</i>
\$50.00 - To Jeannie Craddock for club Christmas party expenses.	\$200.00 - Douglas County Museum (for the Santa Stop formerly Breakfast with Santa) – budgeted \$200.00 – Scouting in Tuscola (for Nunn Scout building expenses/maintenance) - budgeted

Pat Damler made a motion to approve the above disbursements. Jeff Martin seconded the motion, and it was approved.

3. New Donation Requests – None

OLD BUSINESS

1. Club Christmas Party – Jeannie reported all is planned and organized for the party.
2. Builders Club Faculty Advisor – Jeannie reported that Melissa Sanders has resigned from the position. With a staff member present, Jeannie will lead the Builders Club meetings until a replacement can be found.
3. Key Club – Jeannie reported that Tessa Brucker with 11.5 service hours was named Key Club Volunteer of the Month for October.
4. Fish Fry Date – Pat Damler reported that the Fish Thaw/Fish Fry is confirmed with Forty Martyrs for February 29 and March 1, 2024. Pat will talk to Kim Higgins regarding the fryer's capacity. Jeannie will plan on arranging a portable heater for the fry tent area.
5. Amador Nominations – A board member put forth a name providing a summary of why this person is worthy to be nominated. With no other names brought forward, Janet Butler made a motion to nominate that person. David Butler second the motion and it was approved. The name of the person will be confidential until the award is presented.
6. Lt. Governor Nominations – David Butler reported that Pete Buckley is considering the position and will let him know his decision this well. Carol Burwash advised that she would take the nomination if Pete declines, or be nominated as the Lt. Governor Elect with Pete's Lt. Governor nomination.
7. Division Council Meeting – Rescheduled for Saturday, January 20, 2024. Janet will take care of hosting at the Tuscola United Methodist Church providing cookies and drinks.
8. Mid-Year Kiwanis/Key Club/Circle K Convention – February 23-25 Crowne Plaza Springfield – Janet will email all the details to board members. Jeannie will follow up with Darcey Voyles and Jessie Hanner regarding Key Club member attendance.
9. New NW Project Proposal - Glen Simpson reported he now has a committee of five members. Will plan and schedule a meeting with the school district after January 1, 2024.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Set Pancake Breakfast Date – After discussion and checking the Tuscola school calendars, it was agreed on Saturday, April 20, if Forty Martyrs is available. Pat Damler will check and advise.

2. Kiwanis Server at Flesors – David Butler advised that our server Sarah’s last date is December 20. She is returning home to Colorado.

Next Board Meeting – The next Board meeting will be Monday, January 8 , 2024 at noon at Ta’Carbon.

Adjournment – There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:38PM.

Submitted by:
Janet Butler – Secretary



Anyone for snow?

Please provide any pictures, updates and corrections for newsletter or website to:
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